


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: July 8, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development 
RE: Friday Report
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 7/11/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Cafeteria (basement level)• Planning & Development Board, 7:30 p.m., Room 222• Long-Range Planning Committee, 8:00 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber
Tuesday 7/12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Use – Public Hearing/Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209• Auburndale Historical District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 203• Zoning & Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202
Wednesday 7/13/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Housing Partnership, 8:00 a.m., Room 202• Bike Newton Steering Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Brigham House
Thursday 7/14/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202• WestMetro Home Consortium – Cancelled. Their next meeting is on September 8th.

- **Newton Commission on Disability:** The Commission on Disability will hold its monthly meeting **Monday, July 11th** at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cafeteria. Agenda items include: consideration of the approval of the minutes from the June 13, 2011 meeting and a report on CDBG-funded access projects. Alderman Danberg will explain the implementation of the new Snow Ordinance and Lucia Dolan, representing Newton Safe Sidewalks will also speak about the group's desire to work with the Commission on the Snow Ordinance. Alderman Rice will present the design for a proposed ramp at Waban Library and the Commission will discuss the **Durant Kenrick** variance application. The public will also have an opportunity to report on accessibility issues of noncompliance in the City. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or kcahill@newtonma.gov.**
- **Planning & Development Board:** The Planning and Development Board will meet on **Monday, July 11th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 222. Agenda items for the Board acting at the Community Development Board include the approval of the June 6th minutes, an update from Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development Organization, Inc. (CAN-DO) on the organization's progress in meeting the goals outlined in their July 8, 2009 letter to the Planning and Development Board, and consideration of a recommendation from the Human Service Advisory Committee to transfer a total of \$1,000 in FY10 CDBG Program Income funds to the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp Scholarship program. The Board acting as the Planning Board will conduct a continuation of the public hearing held June 21, 2011 for #161-11 W/S DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES LLC petition for a CHANGE of ZONE from BUSINESS 1 to BUSINESS 4 for land shown as a cross-hatched area on a plan entitled "Plan of Zoning Change Chestnut Hill Shopping Center, Newton Mass.", by Feldman Land Surveyors, dated May 23, 2011 and known as Sec 63, Blk 37, Lots 18A, 22, 25, 26, and 27, containing ~20 acres of land at 1-55 BOYLSTON STREET, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill and #161-11(3) CHESTHILL SHOPPING CENTER LLC petition for a CHANGE of ZONE from PUBLIC USE to BUSINESS 4 for land containing ~1.72 acres of land, located in Ward 7 in Chestnut Hill, shown as Parcels A and B on a plan entitled "Zoning Change Chestnut Hill Shopping Center, Newton, Mass" by Feldman Land Surveyors, dated May 23, 2011. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or kcahill@newtonma.gov.**

- **Long-Range Planning Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, July 11th** at 8:00 p.m. (or immediately following the Board of Aldermen meeting) in the Aldermanic Chamber of City Hall. The agenda will include a survey presentation of the Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool (EDSAT) and a brief discussion of possible answers to a selected set of survey questions. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov.**
- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** The Committee will hold a **Working Session** on **Tuesday, July 12th** at 7:45 p.m., Room 202 to discuss the following items: **#26-11**, a Mixed-Use Centers Element Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan with a focus on how the Element may be implemented; Appointments to the Conservation Commission. **Contact Jen Molinsky at 617.796.1130, or jmolinsky@newtonma.gov or Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 or szeren@newtonma.gov.**
- **Land Use Public Hearing/Working Session:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222. The agenda includes the following: **#195-11**, Vikram Narasimhan & Mary V. Doyle petition for a special permit/site plan approval to extend a nonconforming structure by adding an addition of approximately 1,300 square feet to the rear of an existing single-family residence at **343 Otis Street**; **#196-11**, Steven & Andrea Fein petition for a special permit/site plan approval and to extend a nonconforming structure for a garage greater than 700 square feet (approximately 1,110 square feet), extending a structure nonconforming with regard to lot coverage, at **40 Lenox Street**. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or dvalentine@newtonma.gov.**
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, July 12th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209 of City Hall. After a brief review of the Open Meeting Law, the EDC's "Guidelines" document, and previous Minutes, the bulk of the meeting will focus on a discussion of specific strategies that the EDC can implement in the short-term to support small business development in Newton. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov.**
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, July 12th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **19 Fern Street**, request to demolish garage; **228 Grove Street**, request to install fence; **348 Central Street**, request to replace windows; **30 Williston Road**, request to replace windows; **57 Hancock Street**, request to construct attached garage, install windows, replace siding and windows; **21 Central Street**, request to construct second floor addition; and **232 Grove Street**, request to construct rear addition, second floor and replace windows; and review of minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership will meet on **Wednesday, July 13th** at 7:45 a.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: Consideration of request to use CDBG funds to purchase and hold an affordable housing unit for resale to an income-eligible household through the Newton Community Development Authority; Determination of Subcommittee Rosters; and other business including an update on the annual report and current projects. **Contact Robert Muollo, Jr. at 617.796.1146 or rmuollo@newtonma.gov.**
- **Bike Newton:** Bike Newton Steering Committee meeting will be held **Wednesday, July 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street in Newton Highlands to discuss the Transportation Advisory Committee, bike lanes, and recent activities. For more information **contact Lois Levin at loisalevin@gmail.com.**
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, July 14th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. The following request will be considered: **325 Elliot Street**, request to replace sash windows with Harvey vinyl 6/6 on a home that was built in the 1980s. **Other Business:** Minutes from February 2011. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796.1143 or kholmes@newtonma.gov.**